- The prevailing import duty on items of machinery used to improve productivity/quality of the plantation crops (including tea) and encourage value addition has been reduced to an all inclusive rate of 5%
- A Price Stabilisation Fund with an initial corpus of Rs 500 crores has been established for providing relief to the small growers of plantation commodities such as tea, coffee, rubber and tobacco
- The allowance under Section 33AB of Income Tax Act has been increased from 20% to 40% in the Budget 2001-02 to encourage profit making units to go in for rejuvenation and replantation of their gardens and also modernisation of machinery
- Tea Board is implementing a number of developmental Schemes during the 10th Five Year Plan for enhancing productivity, quality and marketability of tea produced in the country. An outlay of Rs 350 crores has been provided in the Tenth Plan for Tea Board for this purpose
- A factory upgradation Scheme is being implemented by the Tea Board to encourage production of good quality teas in the country A quality awareness programme for upgrading the quality of tea produced by small grower segment is also being implemented
- Financial incentives are being provided to the exporters of tea for meeting part of cost of handling, packaging, transport/freight charges and value addition cost Financial assistance is also being extended for tea exports through the dry port at Amingaon

Heavy Industries Run by Government

†*299 SHRI KAPIL SIBAL
SHRI RAM JETHMALANI

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state

(a) whether forty-nine heavy industries are being run by Government,

(b) if not, the actual number thereof, category-wise,

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi

(c) the amount invested in all these industries till September, 2003, and

(d) the value of production by these industries during the years 2000-01, 2001-02 and 2002-03 and that to be produced in 2003-04?

THE MINISTER OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SUBODH MOHITE) (a) and (b) There are 48 Public Sector Enterprises (PSEs) under the Department of Heavy Industry Out of 48 PSEs, 9 have been closed and 3 are not in operation The remaining PSEs fall in following category/Sector

Engineering	22
Consumer	09
Contracting/Consultancy	05

(c) the total investment in terms of equity in 36 PSEs till September 2003 was Rs 4853 30 (provisional)

(d) Production/Turnover of 36 PSEs in the year 2000-2001, 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 (provisional) was Rs 11182 crore, Rs 11611 crore and Rs 11398 crore respectively The target of production/turnover of these PSEs during 2003-04 is Rs 14124 crore

Health care to poor children

*300 SHRI VIJAY J DARDA Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state

(a) whether it is a fact that project study conducted by the Institute of Development Studies, supported by a British Organisation "Save the Children" in two districts of Banswara and Tonk to explore how childhood poverty varies between chronic and transient areas has revealed that health issues of children have always been ignored in the mainstream development policies,

(b) if so, what corrective measures have been taken to ensure that "children in poverty are not denied basic rights" to health care, and

(c) whether any study has been conducted on all-India basis also and, if so, the results thereof?